

**Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command  
Customer/Carrier Advisory  
February 13, 2015  
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**Subject:** Update 1 Port Issues at West Coast Ports

**Purpose:** Update to the previous information sent in the referenced advisory to inform shippers and carriers of the West Coast Port Challenges

**Be Advised:** Below are the latest updates to the West Coast Port Challenges

The Port of Oakland released the following update on seaport operations and the status of waterfront labor talks. The report addresses the significant cargo buildup that has slowed cargo movement on the U.S. West Coast. It also looks at prospects for a long shore labor contract settlement or the threat of a coast wide port shutdown.

**The Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) members will temporarily suspend premium-pay weekend holiday vessel operations on three upcoming dates, while yard, gate, and rail operations will continue at terminal operators' discretion. In Southern California, terminal operators will expand daytime vessel operations on non-holiday weekdays.**

**The three dates affected by suspension of vessel operations are Saturday 2/14; Sunday 2/15, and Monday 2/16 (Washington's Birthday). Again, yard, gate and rail operations will continue.**

The Port of Oakland, like other major West Coast container seaports, continues with significant cargo buildup. 10-12 vessels a day await berths at its marine terminals. Vessels are arriving late and off-schedule due to delays at previous stops in Southern California. Ships wait days for berths. Cargo movement inside terminals has slowed down. Truck drivers sometimes wait hours to collect containerized imports for delivery. Cargo can be delayed days in reaching final destination.

SDDC will provide updates as required.

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